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Sen. Hardiman congratulates two Grand Rapids neighborhood associations for winning grants

LANSING – Sen. Bill Hardiman, R-Kentwood, praised the efforts of two Grand Rapids neighborhood associations for seeking out grants to make improvements in their community.

At an event held at Old Union High School, the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth awarded the West Grand and Roosevelt Park neighborhood associations with Cool Cities grants. The Cool Cities effort was begun to help spur economic development in cities and encourage young people to remain in Michigan.

“The revitalization of Grand Rapids in past years has been incredible, which is why I’m especially pleased to see this additional money support the city,” Hardiman said. “As a former mayor, I know how much each dollar that supports local revitalization efforts is worth. I applaud these two worth groups for obtaining this money.”

The Roosevelt Park association will use \$100,000 to fix the red brick Engine House No. 12 on Grandville Avenue in Grand Rapids. The West Grand association plans on creating a series of gardens from Richmond to Third streets spanning a mile.

The grants are part of the Neighborhoods in Progress program.

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